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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were originally presented for examination. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18, and 22 have been amended by way of the present Response. New claims, claims 28-30, have been added. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1-30 are currently pending, of which claims 1, 18, 22, and 28 are in independent form.

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Claim Objections

In the pending Office Action, claims 10-16 are objected to because of certain informalities. In response thereto, Applicant has appropriately amended claims 10-16.

Regarding the Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

In the pending Office Action, claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,009,480 to Pleso (hereinafter the *Pleso* reference). The following comments were provided with respect to these §102 rejections:

Per Claim 1:

The Pleso patent discloses:

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- a method for providing application software for a peripheral device to be installed in a computer system ("The present invention relates generally to a method and system for providing and installing a device driver, and more particularly to a system for integrating a device driver with the device itself." in column 2, lines 39-53)

- rendering said application software into a memory module coupled to said peripheral device ("The peripheral device stores its driver within its own memory" in column 8, lines 39-40)

- upon coupling said peripheral device to said computer system by a user, querying said peripheral device by an operating system executing on said computer system; and responsive to said querying step, uploading said application software into said computer system from said memory module coupled to said peripheral device ("In step 122, the processor 12 scans all devices connected to the system 10 and identifies in step 123 any new devices that have not been configured yet. As mentioned above, in step 120, the processor 12 determines if there are any new devices connected to the system. . . . If a new device (e.g. printer 52) is found, the processor 12 in step 126 queries the printer 52 for what resources the printer 52 needs After, the assignment, the processor 12 initiates a driver download sequence in step 128 The peripheral device stores its driver within its own memory and during the PNP sequence it downloads the driver to the memory (e.g., hard disk) of the host computer 54." in column 8, lines 12-42.

Similar comments were also provided with respect to the remaining base claims 18 and 22. Applicant respectfully submits that pending \$102 rejections have been overcome or otherwise rendered moot by way of the present amendments as set forth above. The present invention as currently constituted is directed, in one aspect, to providing application software for

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a peripheral device to be installed in a computer system. In a further aspect, the present invention is directed to a peripheral device operable in association with a computer system, wherein a storage means is provided with the peripheral device for storing its application software. The application software includes software for effectuating user-customizable settings with respect to operating the peripheral device.

The *Pleso* reference does not teach or suggest the present invention as currently claimed at least where the uploadable application software includes software for effectuating user-customizable settings with respect to operating a peripheral device.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the base claims 1, 18, 22, and 28, as well as the dependent claims that respectively depend therefrom, are allowable over the *Pleso* reference.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of the record, whether considered alone or in combination discloses, anticipates or suggests the present invention, as now defined by the independent claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present invention are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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